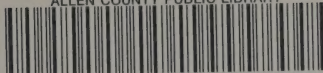


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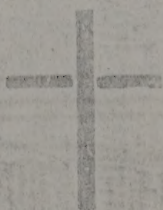
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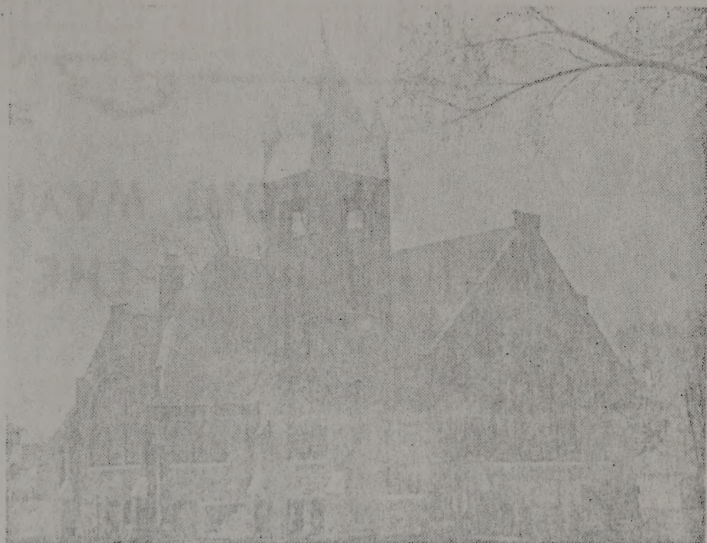
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Winfield, Iowa

1856-1956

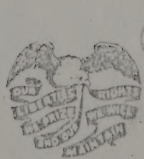




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The One Hundred Year History
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The First Presbyterian Church
of
Winfield, Iowa



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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the following who have
been continuous members for over 50 years:

Mrs. Fannie Carden	Jan. 27, 1892
Mrs. Jennie Johnson	Dec. 18, 1893
Mrs. Roxanna Honts	Feb. 14, 1894
Mrs. Sophie C. Johnson	Feb. 17, 1894
Mrs. Isabelle Harrison	Feb. 25, 1894
Mr. David Wolf	Jan. 17, 1895
Mrs. Ollie Bargar	Apr. 19, 1895
Mrs. Stella Carden	Nov. 17, 1895
Mrs. Sarah Beauchamp	Nov. 17, 1895
Mrs. Stella Perrenoud	Jan. 9, 1897
Mrs. Emerence Rodruck	Jan. 10, 1897
Mrs. Alta Van Syoc	Dec. 4, 1898
Mr. Frank Haight	Feb. 19, 1899
Mr. Harlan Courter	Jan. 3, 1904
Mrs. Mattie Cockayne	Jan. 17, 1904
Mr. Walter Cockayne	May 28, 1905
Mr. William A. Patterson	May 28, 1905
Mrs. Flora Clark	May 28, 1905
Mrs. Minnie Meeker	May 28, 1905
Mr. Charles W. Haight	June 3, 1905
Mrs. Edythe Haight	June 13, 1905

Ministers

1856-59	Francis B. Dinsmore
1860-62	James B. McBride
1862-66	David T. Campbell
1866-70	Henry M. Corbett
1870	Leeds K. Berridge
1870-72	J. R. Brown
1873	Adam W. Ringland
	Summer (Student preacher)
1875-78	George W. Hays
1879-83	Joseph S. Dickey
1885-88	James B. Butter
1889-90	James H. Condit
1891-95	David McEwan
1896-98	William L. Clark
1898-05	David McEwan
1905-06	William E. McLeod
1906-09	James W. Bean
1909-10	James W. Mays
1910-17	James I. Dool
1917-27	Louis W. Hauter
1928-31	R. Stanley Brown
1932-37	Joseph W. Gray
1937-39	H. R. Seigler
1939-41	Paul Calhoun
1941-44	Marion W. Lemon
1944-46	Donald Freeman
1947-	Chester E. Chandler
1952 *	Duncan G. MacLennan

* The Rev. C. E. Chandler was recalled to service as a Chaplain in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was away on leave of absence from 1 Sept. 1951 to 1 Feb. 1953 during which time the Rev. Duncan G. MacLennan served the Church as interim pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Chandler served as a Chaplain in World War II, was recalled as a Major and was later promoted to a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserves.



The Rev. C. E. Chandler received his A. B. degree from Monmouth College in 1934 and his B. D. degree from McCormick Seminary in Chicago in 1937. He was ordained by Rock River Presbytery in Illinois on April 27, 1937.

He and Miss Emma Peterson were married May 11, 1937 and they held pastorates at Joy-Millersburg, Illinois from 1937 to 1941, and at Kirkwood, Illinois from 1941 to 1943. After serving as a Chaplain in World War II he came to the Winfield Church in January of 1947.

In addition to his work in the local Church the Rev. Mr. Chandler served as Moderator of Iowa Presbytery for one full term and for nine months of an unexpired term.

He is a member of the local American Legion and serves as Chaplain. He was First District Legion Chaplain for three years and in 1951 was elected state Chaplain of the Iowa Department of the American Legion.

He has been local Cub Scout master for eight years and is a member of the executive board of the South East Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America. For his service to youth he was awarded the Silver Beaver by the South East Iowa Council in 1955. He is a member of the Winfield Lions Club and served as club president in 1950-51.

Mrs. Chandler has been active in the women's work of the Church and has served a two-year term as Secretary of Literature for Iowa Presbytery. She was awarded the honorary Membership Pin in National Missions by the local society in 1955.

Their two children are Bernard, born October 1, 1941, and Connie Lee, born February 8, 1947.

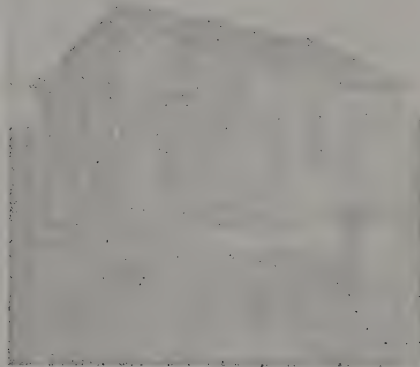
The Founding of This Church and The History of Its Organization

Compiled by
Gertrude and Leslie C. Utter
1956

"This history shall be rewritten for the
generations to come." Psalms 102: 18.

They blazed a pathway, we are the inheritors.

A rich heritage has come down to us. This is a story of those who had faith, hope and love. They walked humbly with their God. The events of this book cover more than a century. The records are good but not complete. There are discrepancies. Memory often plays queer tricks. Every generation has a group who never forgets "the good old days".



Old Round Grove School House
Where Church Was Organized
June 6, 1856

The Early Beginnings

1853 The first sermon in the Crooked Creek Round Grove Neighborhood was preached by the Rev. Robert Dinsmore, a Presbyterian Minister of Washington, Iowa. This Minister died shortly after of typhoid fever. Religious services were continued in the homes at intervals of three weeks by his brother, the Rev. Francis Dinsmore of Morning Sun, Iowa.

1854 June 6, John Lee made the deed for the lot on which "Round Grove" schoolhouse was built. When the building was completed, it became the educational and religious center of the community. The Rev. Francis Dinsmore continued his regular services for five or more years, during which time the Church was organized.

1855 October: The settlers of Presbyterian faith petitioned the Presbytery of Iowa to organize "a Church at the head of Crooked Creek".

1856 June 6: Organization

"According to the notice given the persons near the head of Crooked Creek in Henry and Louisa Counties, Iowa, who had previously expressed a desire to be organized into an Old School Presbyterian Church, met June 6, 1856 at the schoolhouse near "Round Grove" on said creek. The way being clear after sermon by Rev. Thomas H. Dinsmore, Rev. Francis Dinsmore and Joseph Benton, (the other members of the committee appointed by Presbytery to organize said persons into a church being providentially absent) proceeded to organize the Church."

(Note: According to some records, Benton may have been the absent one.)

"The following presented certificates of dismission, and recommendations from the respective church sessions under whose care they respectively were, being found in order, they were enrolled as members of the Church.

(THE TWENTY ONE CHARTER MEMBERS)

viz-

James Fleming	James B. Harkness
David Wallace	Mrs. Margret Harkness
Mrs. Mary Wallace	Samuel Miller
John Lee	Mrs. Margret E. Miller
Wm. Joy	Mrs. Emeline Andrew
Mrs. Eliza E. Joy	Ezekiel Harkness
Mrs. Jane M. Jewett	Mrs. Mary Harkness
Mrs. Nellie Jane Bashford	Miss Elizabeth Fleming
Mrs. Emeline Foster	Geo. Fleming

"(Messers) John B. McLaughry, Aaron Blue, and Mrs. Anna Blue were then examined as to their qualifications for Church membership. Their examinations being satisfactory they were also enrolled members of the Church."

"Mr. William Joy and James B. Harkness were then duly chosen by the members of the Church to be set apart to the office of Ruling Elders in said Church. Accordingly, they having signified their willingness to serve the Church in this capacity, were upon the following day ordained and installed Elders in the Church. This Church to be known under the style and name of the 'Round Grove Church'."

(Note. The above is a copy of the minutes of the organization as recorded by Francis B. Dinsmore, Moderator and Clerk.)

The Day of Organization

The following letter was written in 1903 by William Joy, one of the two original Ruling Elders.

"June 6, 1856 was bright and warm. A few Presbyterian families met in Round Grove Schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a Church. There was a goodly attendance, in fact, almost a full house. The singing, without an instrument, as that would have been deemed sacrilege then, was led by Wm. Joy and the whole congregation lent their help to such hymns as 'How Firm A Foundation', 'Jesus Lover of My Soul' and others. They were sung with enthusiasm, with the spirit and understanding also. The schoolhouse was seated with rude benches, so uncomfortable as would cause some of our modern church goers a plausible excuse for staying at home.

Those sturdy pioneers came to the place of worship with their ox teams and farm wagons, on foot, horseback, or any way they could command. The whole family came too, and the stranger that was within their gates on the Sabbath day. They had an ambition to build up a Christian community, and while they had the satisfaction to see their hopes realized, we feel that they built better than they knew, as the sacrifices made in that early day to hold up the Christian standards are still bearing fruit to the Glory of God."

From E. C. Hinkle:-

"Much enthusiasm existed in church circles in those early days. It was usually necessary in summer, when Communion was held, to cut and haul brush from the Grove and construct an awning for shade in front of the Round Grove Schoolhouse to accomodate the congregation. The preacher stood in the doorway and preached both ways."

Location

The "Old School Presbyterian Church" was organized in the Round Grove schoolhouse. This schoolhouse was two miles east of Winfield, on the north side of the east-west highway, which runs past the Winfield-Scott Township Cemetery. A more exact location would be in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 4 of Scott Township. "Round Grove" continued to be the home of the Church for about eleven years. Services were held occasionally in other buildings to accommodate the congregation, and a schoolhouse on the north side of the Village (Winfield) is mentioned. This school was on the east side of Locust (main) street and just south of the east-west road along the north edge of Winfield. The members of the congregation in the Village and those west and north found it difficult at times to reach Round Grove. Later a bridge was built for crossing Crooked Creek near the Cemetery. The north covered bridge was the first built.

A new Round Grove schoolhouse was built in 1868. The old one was sold to Chas. Hinkle and moved to his farm where it was used for a repair shop and a literary room for his son Edward C. Hinkle, who later published the Winfield Beacon for forty three years.



Plans for a Presbyterian Church In Winfield

1863 March 20: "Voted that the trustees be requested to circulate a subscription to obtain money and labor for the erection of a Church Building." The trustees were Dr. James Crawford, David Wallace and James Fleming. About a month later they reported \$713.00 subscribed, and they were directed to continue the canvass. These three trustees with Harvey Gambell and Charles V. Craven constituted the Building Committee.

May 30 "Voted that the Building Committee be requested to proceed to lay the foundations as for a house 35' by 50' and obtain material for the erection of the House as expeditiously as practicable."

September 15 Purchase of a lot. For the consideration of \$1.00 John Clayton and Harriet M. Clayton made a deed for a Church lot to the trustees of the "Congregation of Round Grove Presbyterian Church". The location of said lot is on the south-west corner at the intersection of Locust (Main) and Center Street (Fairground Road). Later the First Presbyterian Church of Winfield was built on the south part of this area. (This site is now vacant.)

1864 During the remainder of 1863 and during 1864 there is no reference to the Church building. (Civil War days.)

1865 April 1: The building was under construction. Mr. Gambell was released from the Building Committee and John Lee was added.

The Rev. David T. Campbell proposed to give one tenth of his salary for the year to the building fund. The offer was declined.

October 10 The Round Grove Congregation met to consider the completion of the Church. "On motion of Samuel Miller, the trustees were instructed to borrow \$300.00 to finish the building ready for lathing and plastering. Motion carried."

1866 The Frame Church was nearing completion and the congregation moved in. The first seats were crude slab benches. Logs were sawed into stove lengths, which were set on end and planks were laid from stump to stump. They were without backs. Rev. Campbell said "the people had to sit up and give attention to the Minister." The belfry was occasionally referred to as a "store box". With the building of the new Frame Church, "Winfield started to put on airs". Before the dedication, new seats replaced the crude benches.

1867 November 17 The Church was dedicated. Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D. of Ft. Madison, Iowa, delivered the sermon Henry M. Corbett was the Pastor.

Plans were being made this same year for the purchase of a bell. Funds were solicited by Mrs. B. B. Lindly, Mrs. E. F. Haight and Mrs. J. H. Skipton. Sometime later the bell was purchased. It weighed 1,000 pounds and cost

\$1.00 per pound. \$1,000.00 was a goodly sum in those Pioneer days. It was a heavy bell for the Frame Church and the congregation felt the vibration when it was rung. This same bell rings today in the tower of the Brick Church to call the congregation to worship.

1900 November 11 Thirty three years had passed when

Rev. David McEwan preached the last sermon within the walls of this Pioneer Church.

THE BRICK CHURCH

1900 In the early part of the year, meetings were held under the leadership of the Minister, Rev. David McEwan, to consider the erection of a new Church. Building and soliciting committees were appointed and a contract for the construction was let to John R. Gier of Conrad, Iowa. Four days later, sod was broken and in six months, November 16, 1900, the House was surrendered by the contractor to the Building Committee. This Church stands today just north of the location of the former Frame Church.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH IN 1900

BUILDING COMMITTEE

J. N. Osborn	Charles Lauer
B. B. Lindly	Casper Schenk

SOLICITING COMMITTEE

William Carden	A. T. Brown
J. H. Patterson	William Smiley
J. F. Miller	C. W. Gambell
V. E. Lauer	H. R. Lyons
Thos. Ringland	J. C. Gambell

ELDERS

B. B. Lindly	John Crawford
J. N. Osborn	William Carden

TRUSTEES

Charles Lauer, Chm.	J. T. Kirkpatrick
J. L. Conden	Thomas Ringland
V. E. Lauer	J. M. Lindly

MINISTER

Rev. David McEwan

Architect—C. A. Dunham, Burlington, Iowa

Contractor—John A. Gier, Conrad, Iowa

Mill work—J. N. Osborn, Winfield, Iowa

Plasterer—Casper Schenk, Winfield, Iowa

Stone-mason—Wm. McGlade, Winfield, Iowa.

The Brick Church

1900 December 2 Dedication of the New Brick Church.

The people began to arrive at 9:00 o'clock and by 11:00 o'clock the church was filled. This was the largest religious gathering in the history of Winfield up to that time. Dr. Willis G. Craig, President of McCormick Seminary of Chicago, was present to dedicate the new church.

The soliciting committee had previously secured the subscription for \$10,000.00 but on dedication day it was found that \$4,000.00 more would be needed. The service was begun and very quickly the amount was over-subscribed. These contributions and the large attendance showed that the congregation was fully behind the movement for the new Church. Dr. Craig took his text for the Dedictory Sermon from II Chronicles 2: 4 "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord My God, to dedicate it to him".

When the Church was dedicated, it was considered complete, modern, and up-to-date in every detail, "without a peer" in southeastern Iowa. The committee and architect planned well. The Sanctuary has conveniently and adequately served the congregation for more than half a century. Through these years, congregations and visitors have admired the beautiful windows. The glass window in the East wall is a colored scene of the sun rising over the ocean waves with these words at the bottom: "In memory of Vene C. and Nellie Gambell and Margaret their daughter, lost while returning to the St. Lawrence Island Mission on the 22nd. day of May 1898. 'and the sea gave up the dead which were in it 'Rev. XX-13.'" This window was a memorial gift of Mrs. William Thaw of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thaw supported the St. Lawrence Mission in the Bering Sea. near Alaska. In the North wall is a large window done in vivid colors which portrays the Christ as "The Great Shepherd". This memorial is at the bottom, "In memory of Vene C. Gambell, Nellie Gambell and their daughter Margaret. By their friends". In the South is another beautifully colored glass window. This portrays "Christ Knocking at the Door of the Human Soul".

In the basement were placed the Sunday School class rooms, kitchen and dining room. Within the half century just past, the community has changed. Neighboring rural churches have disappeared as better highways and newer means of transportation came. Today the Sunday School needs room for expansion, that it may be efficient and meet the needs of a modern community and world.

Church Improvements

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

1948-1950 This was a period of much improvement in the

Church building and its furnishings. The basement was remodeled. The old stairways and floors were removed and replaced with concrete. The Women's Association remodeled the kitchen at a cost of over \$2,000.00 and carpeted the entire Sanctuary at a cost of over \$3,000.00. The new heating system which was installed cost over \$5,000.00. New metal folding chairs (200) and convenient folding tables were added to the dining room. The Sanctuary windows were repaired at a cost of \$1,250.00. A new Wurlitzer Organ and Chimes were purchased and the pulpit was furnished with new chairs.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND GIFTS

A Communion Table designed by the Rev. C. E. Chandler and made by Norris J. Haight now stands in front of the pulpit.

The Church received two Silver Wine Trays, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beauchamp.

The Fidelis Class donated the Bulletin Board which stands on the Church lawn near the east entrances. They also have given twenty three student Bibles, revised standard version, for use in the Sunday School and by the two Westminster Fellowship groups.

When D. L. "Dan" Cook lived in Winfield he made and donated the two tall white flower stands which are often seen in front of the Sanctuary. He also made the two lower white stands and the two tall candle holders used for special occasions.

Memorials

"Whereas, through the generosity of Mrs. Wm. Thaw of Pittsburgh, Penna., the new Presbyterian Church of Winfield, Iowa, became the recipient of a beautiful and costly memorial window perpetuating the memory of Mr. Vene C. Gambell and family who perished with the ill-fated schooner Jane Gray, in the Pacific Ocean, May 22, 1898, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the membership of said Church, in Congregational meeting assembled this ninth day of December, 1900, do hereby unanimously extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wm. Thaw of Pittsburgh, Penna., for her rare kindness to this people, and for her friendly and active interest in the welfare, the mission and the memory of its honored families.

Motion by Charles Lauer and seconded by Wm. Carden. Done this Ninth day of December, 1900.

David McEwan, Mod.

J. M. Lindly, Cl'k."

"We, the Session of the Winfield Presbyterian Church of Winfield, Ia., in behalf of our Congregation and ourselves spread this Minute on the Records of our Church, expressing our most sincere sympathy and deep regret, in view of the tragic death of Mr. Vene C. Gambell, one of members, along with his wife and child, who, on May 22nd, 1898 went down with the ill-fated schooner "Jane Gray", ninety miles off Cape Flattery, on the Pacific Ocean, while on their way back to St. Lawrence Island, where previously they had ministered to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the people on the Island.

This noble, self-sacrificing Christian man and woman had been granted a few months leave of absence after three years of labor among the natives of the Island, on account of Mrs. Gambell's health, and these two heroic souls were on their way back, as they had promised the natives when they left they would return—but God took them—"Thy will be done."

Attest—David McEwan, Mod."

A Worship Center has been created in the Westminster Fellowship room. The walnut cabinet from the minister's study in the Church has been refurbished and lined. Within has been placed the Brass Appointments and a picture of Christ. This is in memory of Bobby E. Siberts by his mother and wife.

An eighteen inch Brass Cross for the Altar in the front of the Sanctuary in memory of the Family of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise was given by Mrs. George Wise.

A silver Baptismal Font in memory of Elvira Evans by her husband, Robert L. Evans.

A silver Bread Tray for the communion service in memory of Laura Weirather by one of the Circles.

A set of Oak Offering Plates in memory of Mildred Lemon by her family, brothers, sisters and friends.

An Organ Lamp in memory of Lola Reece by her children.

A Communion Set, including the Chalice, eight wine trays, six bread trays with bases and covers, also a cabinet for the set and an electric clock for the Sanctuary. These were given in memory of Carl W. and Ola Carden by their son William F. Carden and family, relatives and friends.

A gift of \$500.00 in memory of Albert Johnson by his wife, Sophie C. Johnson.

A gift of \$1,000.00 in memory of Russell and Maud Canby. It was the wish of Mrs. Canby to establish a memorial for her husband. Her death occurred before her plan was carried out. She was interested in an address system for the Church and since her death, that has been purchased and installed and designated as a memorial to both Mr. and Mrs. Russell Canby.

A Worship Center Bible was given to the Westminster Fellowship by Vester Chance, Jr.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Number of Members	Year	
21	1856	Organization day.
47	1860	Four years later.
200	1900	Brick Church was dedicated.
305	1947	
417	1956	During the last nine years under the pastorate of the Rev. C. E. Chandler 248 new members have been received. This has resulted in a net membership gain of 112.

The constant growth of this Church has been due to the faithful and consecrated ministers, laymen and laywomen who have kept the Church uppermost in their lives. Their past labor stands as a challenge.

CHURCH FINANCES

The size of the Church Budget has grown from \$2,873.00 in 1942 to \$13,539.00 in 1956. Benevolences during the same period have jumped from \$212.00 to \$2,443.00.

THESE OFFICERS ARE SERVING THE CHURCH IN 1956

MINISTER

The Rev. Chester E. Chandler
Edward H. Feldman, Secretary
Floyd Beauchamp, Treasurer

RULING ELDERS

Floyd Beauchamp	Chris Gerling
Harry Donaldson	Ray Rathmell
Homer Wenger	Leslie C. Utter
Phillip W. Marshall	Marvin Lambert
Edward H. Feldman	

TRUSTEES

Rodney Perrenoud	Raymond McAllister
Paul Paisley	Lee Cornwell
Harry Conard	Glenn Davis
Ralph Canby	Loren Johnson
Glen W. Payne	Lloyd Howsare
Earl Kellogg	Norris J. Haight
William Wintermeyer	Clone Swarts
Keith Jones	

DEACONS

Calvin Humphreys	Richard Johnson
Ronald King	Harold Conard
Robert Cornwell	Harold Rodruck
Glenn Rodgers	Herman Rickey
Maynard Hill	

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THE CHURCH

AS ELDERS 1856-1956

William Joy	James A. Smiley
James B. Harkness	Floyd Beauchamp
Charles V. Craven	Maurice Utter
Harvey Gambell	Ray Carden
Thomas M. McClland	Karl K. Kneen
Ira Baldwin	Samuel W. Kepper
B. B. Lindley	Paul Liechty
John C. Gambell	Fred Weirather
Hugh R. Lyons	James Humphrey
John W. Anderson	Raymond Kerr
James Crawford	William F. Carden
Jasper N. Osborn	Dr. R. B. Widmer
Jacob T. Serviss	Robert L. Evans
John Crawford	Chester W. Haight
William Carden	Clone Swarts
Joseph P. Dawson	Ralph E. Gorham
William B. Ridgeway	Carl W. Carden
Lyman B. Pierce	Dr. E. V. Chance
Thomas Ringland	Chris C. Nelling
Francis G. Robb	Harry Donaldson
Victor E. Lauer	Homer Wenger
E. Marion McCreight	Chris Gerling
Merritt C. Barton	Edward H. Feldman
J. Alvin Glass	Phillip W. Marshall
Claude H. Pierce	Leslie C. Utter
Noah J. Eicher	Marvin Lambert
William H. Feldman	Rav Rathmell

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THE CHURCH

IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEES 1856-1956

Samuel Miller	William Lee
David Wallace	James Bennett
James Crawford M. D.	James Fleming
John Lee	Robert H. Linn
J. C. Gambell	J. T. Serviss
Sam Miller	William Lemon
Thomas McClland	B. B. Lindly
R. J. Courter	William Lauder
John W. Anderson	Colin M. Lindly
J. L. Renshaw	Thomas Ringland

TRUSTEES 1856-1956 (Continued)

A. W. Simpkins
 J. M. Day
 Wm. B. Crawford
 L. B. Pierce
 J. L. Condon
 Charles Lauer
 J. T. Davidson
 J. Frank Miller
 Charles W. Gambell
 Robert P. Davidson
 Noah J. Eicher
 T. Craig Foster
 Albert Johnson
 Oscar E. Courter
 F. L. Gladd
 O. L. Karsten
 Jesse W. Clark
 James A. Smiley
 Russell Canby
 Samuel W. Kepper
 Ralph E. Gorham
 Herman Wolf
 Robert L. Evans
 William F. Carden
 Allan F. Haight
 Mayne Courter
 Russell Beauchamp
 Guy Allen
 George Heitner
 Gerald Lauer
 Harry Donaldson
 George W. Kepper
 Glenn Owens
 Walter I. Carper
 Edward H. Feldman
 Ellis H. Hill
 Phillip W. Marshall
 Max Ross
 Arthur Canby
 Paul Paisley
 Ralph Canby
 Earl Kellogg
 Keith Jones
 Raymond McAllister
 Lloyd Howsare
 Loren Johnson

Jas. A. McCoy
 Thos. J. Clements
 William Carden
 J. T. Kirkpatrick
 Victor E. Lauer
 John M. Lindly
 A. T. Brown
 Charles E. Haight

 Frank E. Cady
 Fred W. Lauer
 August Johnson
 Joe E. Porter
 Harry Russell
 William H. Feldman
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 George Swearingen
 C'one Swarts
 Chris C. Nelling
 Ralph Hess
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 Reggie Van Syoc
 E. Roy Ping
 Dr. E. V. Chance
 Lloyd W. Lindell
 Leonard McAllister
 Homer Wenger
 Keith Haight
 Harry Johnson
 Harley Nelson
 Marvin Lambert
 Ray Rathmell
 Rodney Perrenoud
 Harry Conard
 Glen W. Payne
 William Wintermeyer
 William R. Widmer
 Norris J. Haight
 Lee Cornwell
 Glenn Davis

THOSE WHO HAVE THE CHURCH IN THE OFFICE OF DEACON

Floyd Beauchamp	John North
Raymond Kerr	Max Ross
Allan F. Haight	Keith Cummings
Ralph Hess	Keith Jones
William F. Carden, Jr.	Glen W. Payne
Irvin Clark	Arthur Canby
Harold Rodruck	Dale Johnson
Ellis Crawford	William Wintermeyer
Paul Liechty	Dale Kellogg
George W. Kepper	Loren Johnson
Keith Haight	E. Vester Chance, Jr.
Melvin Gerling	Calvin Humphreys
Norris J. Haight	Ronald King
Harry Donaldson	Robert Cornwell
Harley Nelson	Herman J. Rickey
Phillip W. Marshall	Richard Widmer
Harry Feldman	Glen Rodgers
Leonard McAllister	Maynard Hill
Marvin Lambert	Richard Johnson
Raymond McAllister	Harold Conard

Some of the above have served more than one term.

Parsonage

1870 The session moved to make an effort to raise \$1,000 for a parsonage. The elders circulated a subscription paper and \$261.00 was subscribed. The Women's Sewing Circle gave \$62.00, making a total of \$323.00.

1871 The Church became the owner of its first parsonage. It was located on the east side of Locust (Main) Street and between Elm and Pine, lot 7, block 4, slightly north of the center of the block. Fleagle's Hardware and Rathmell's Market now stand on this location. This parsonage was sold in 1900. It now stands south of the school-house and east of the Athletic Field. It has been remodeled and is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cornwell.

1891-1892 The second parsonage was built by the congregation. It is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Clark and Pine Streets. George Haight, Charles Haight and Morgan Reeves were the carpenters. The Rev. McEwan and his family were the first occupants. Through the years this parsonage has been enlarged and modernized. Today it is the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Chandler and family.

Summary of reports rendered at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 3, 1911 showing the disbursements from the various funds and societies during the year 1910. (Included only for sake of comparison.)

Minister's Salary Fund -----	\$ 1,246.26
Contingent Fund -----	802.32
Sabbath School -----	226.58
Ladies Aid Society -----	512.79
Home Missions -----	186.88
Evangelistic Fund -----	197.00
Woman's Missionary Society -----	40.00
Brotherhood -----	90.00
C. E. Society -----	4.75
Collection for Orchestra -----	24.00
	\$ 3,330.58
Less sums counted twice -----	255.97

Total amount actually paid out ----\$ 3,074.61

Respectfully,

J. M. Lindly, Treasurer.

1949 CHURCH BUDGET

Pension Plan -----	\$ 331.20
Pianist -----	48.00
Minister's Salary -----	3,600.00
Janitor's Salary -----	480.00
Bonus -----	300.00
Light -----	133.84
Water -----	20.62
Fuel -----	565.91
Equipment and Supplies -----	165.60
Church Repair -----	8,091.37
Benevolences -----	1,424.24
Miscellaneous -----	144.76

TOTAL ----- \$15,301.04

This report for the year 1949 was given at the annual congregational meeting, January 12, 1950, by Carl W. Carden, Treasurer.

History of the Presbyterian Sunday School

BY MRS. CHESTER W. HAIGHT

There seems to be very little recorded regarding the early history of the Presbyterian Sunday School. Mrs. Nellie Bashford, a charter member of the first organized church, relates the only information found so far. She states that she remembered the few families who had migrated around and near the head waters of Crooked Creek from other states. They were mostly of the Presbyterian faith and met in the houses for Sunday School and an occasional preaching service for possibly one or two years before they decided to organize a church. There were twenty-one members, when they organized June 6, 1856 in the Round Grove School house. As they increased in numbers they needed larger quarters, so moved into the Winfield School house at the north edge of town. There was much enthusiasm to make this area a great Christian community.

The years between this time and the year 1891 seem not to have been recorded or were lost. The year 1891 records J. S. Gambell as being the Sunday School Superintendent, L. B. Pierce as Assistant Superintendent, and Mrs. Kate Pierce Baker secretary. J. N. Osborn was superintendent in 1892, but declined the office in 1893, so Mr. L. B. Pierce was elected with Mr. Lincoln Carden as assistant. Anna McGlade McCosh and Julia Smiley (Crail) were the secretaries. Nellie Haight Eicher was the organist with Miss Picket Davidson as assistant. The teachers from 1891 through 1894 were Jennie Lindly, Mary Ball, Mary Pierce, L. B. Pierce, Cora Smiley, John Anderson, Ella Clark, Ida Puscy, Fannie Carden, Nellie Haight, and Pickett Davidson. There were eight Sunday School classes. The total attendance in 1891 varied from 34 to 55, and the collections from sixty to seventy-one cents.

Mr. William Carden became superintendent in 1904 and held that office for forty-three years, resigning in 1947 because of ill health. He was a wonderful superintendent, always the first one at Sunday School, greeting everyone at the door as they arrived, making strangers feel welcome

and conducting them to their proper classes. He was keenly interested in the young people of the church. Mrs. Carden started teaching little folks in the Sunday School in 1893 and taught continuously for twenty-five years. In 1903, she organized her nine year old girls into the "Willing Workers" group. Gladys Cockayne was the president and Louise Price the secretary. This class made sponges and sent them to the Burlington Hospital, sent flowers to the sick, dressed dolls for some poor little girls, and pieced a quilt for charity. Their dues were ten cents a year. A high light of the Willing Workers in 1903 was the staging of a "Tom Thumb Wedding", which netted them twenty-five dollars and fifty cents. This sum was given to the Ladies Aid Society. The principals in the wedding were Harold Price and Mildred Jensen. Mrs. Carden also taught the Westminster Circle which was made up of eighth grade girls about the year 1920.

Miss Ethel Hinkle was an outstanding Primary teacher. She says that she does not remember attending a Sunday School class herself. She was head of the department for awhile but Mrs. M. C. Barton held that position for the longest period of time. Other teachers in the department at that time were Mrs. Oscar Courter, Mrs. Maud Canby, Mrs. Nelle Siberts Gorham, and Mrs. Fred Weirather. They spent much time in preparing Childrens Day and Christmas programs. Ethel Hinkle and Mrs. Allan Haight presented the little folks in some fine operettas, one being of their own composing.

The Hinkle trio, composed of Ethel at the piano, Pearl on the violin, and Charles on the cornet, played for the Sunday School and for various church affairs for many years. Ethel and Pearl played a special number at the farewell service for Reverend McEwan in 1905.

During the early years of 1900 the Christmas programs were held in the church basement. A huge tree usually stood in the southeast corner of the main room, decorated with real lighted candles and popcorn strings. Families would bring their gifts and put them under the tree for each other. Ethel Hinkle remembers that she and Pearl brought a high back chair, a gift to their father, and Mrs. John McCulley placed a shot-gun under the tree for her husband.

About 1921 the Leslie Pikes came to Winfield and immediately took an active part in the church activities. Mrs. Pike was a Sunday School teacher and Mr. Pike led the singing on many occasions including regular Sunday School. During this time Mr. Barton taught a boys' class and Ray Carden an older men's class. Miss Cora Smiley taught various classes and for many years had charge of the "Good Will" class until her health failed. Miss Thelma Carden taught in the Sunday School for twenty-five years; first a class of girls, then a class of girls and boys, and finally the Senior High group. She retired last year for health and business reasons. Her Christmas programs of plays and pageants were always enjoyable.

Since 1940 the opening services of the Sunday School have been conducted in the Sanctuary instead of in the basement as formerly. About 1948 the new study material "Christian Faith and Life" was introduced and has been used since that time. In 1955 the average Sunday School attendance was 148. Total receipts were \$777.12 for the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 1956

Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Maynard Hill.

Primary Teachers: Mrs. Ronald King, Mrs. Melvin Jennings, Mrs. Glen Davis, Miss Florence Cummings.

Juniors (4th grade), Mrs. C. E. Chandler.

Fifth and Sixth Grades, Mrs. Rodney Perrenoud.

Junior High, Mrs. Robert Royer.

Senior High, Dr. R. B. Widmer.

Lamp Lighters, Mrs. Allan Haight.

Fidelis, Mrs. Leslie Utter.

Good Will, Mrs. John Lindly.

Bible Class, Miss Artie McCulley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS IN 1956

Superintendent, William F. Carden.

Assistant Superintendent, Harry Donaldson.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond McAllister.

Assistant Secy. Treasurer, Mrs. Leonard McAllister.

Pianist, Mrs. Calvin Humphreys.

Assistant Pianist, Mrs. Ronald King.

Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Maynard Hill.

Assistant Primary Supt., Miss Florence Cummings.

Junior Choir Director, Miss Ann Wolf.

Assistant Junior Choir Director, Miss Carolyn Carden.

History of the Presbyterian Missionary Society

By Mrs. M. C. Barton and Mrs. Walter Carper

Very little is known of the early Missionary Society but one record shows that on July 29, 1876, Mrs. Rev. Hayes was president and Mrs. S. A. Clark was secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society in the Winfield Presbyterian Church. In the year the society paid a pledge of twenty-five dollars to foreign missions.

On August 16, 1884, the ladies of the church met with Mrs. Rev. Butter and a Woman's Missionary Society was organized under the National Board of Missions to work with Iowa Presbyterial. The money from this society was to be divided between the Home and Foreign Fields. Mrs. Anna Butter was the first president and Miss Jennie Lindly the first secretary of the society. Seven to ten ladies attended the first meetings which were sometimes held in connection with the Ladies Aid Society. The dues were twenty-five cents a year, but mite-boxes, concerts, socials, and teas added to the treasury. The attendance grew with new members to about twenty. The charter members of the Women's Missionary Society were Mesdames Anna Butter, J. N. Osborn, L. E. Pierce, James Patterson, B. E. Lindly, Ida Pusay, E. F. Haight, Robert Linn, John Gamble, S. A. Clark, J. Pulver, and Misses Jennie Lindly and Pickett Davidson.

An old program book of 1909-1910 shows that the Women's Missionary Society in its monthly meetings studied both home and foreign missions with a leader for each topic. These early meetings were held in the homes of the members.

In the fall of 1912, under the leadership of Mrs. J. I. Doal, the Ladies Guild was organized. The first meeting of the Guild was in the home of Mrs. William Carden. These were social meetings and refreshments were served. The Guild provided funds for flowers for the sick, for funerals, and for miscellaneous expenses of the church. One of the big projects at this time was the paying of the pavement assessment for the church and the manse.

In 1918 there was much discussion among the ladies

about "The New Era". In January 1919, the slogan "Every Lady in the Church a Member of the Missionary Society" was adopted. Calls were made on every family in a drive for new members, which resulted in addition of fifty-five new names to the then existing list of about thirty. On February 21, 1919, a reception was given the new members at a luncheon at the church. Seventy-five ladies were served and a fine program enjoyed. This luncheon has become an annual event at which time the "Thank You Boxes" are opened, the new program books given out, and honorary memberships awarded to those whose devotion and deeds make them worthy of such honor. Mrs. E. F. Haight, one of the charter members of the Missionary Society, was the first to receive a life or honorary membership. It was awarded to her in 1918.

At the luncheon in 1924, which was the 40th anniversary of the society, Miss Cora Smiley announced that she wished to present a check for \$500 given by Sylvia Davidson Smith to go through our society to the mission field, from her mother Mrs. Margaret Davidson, who wished her to give it annually for ten years making a total of \$5,000. This money was received each year and divided between the Home and Foreign Boards.

In May 1944 the ladies of the church voted to follow the recommended plan of the National Council and formed the Presbyterian Women's Association which united the members of all ages and interests. The total membership of the association meets at the church on the first Friday of each month for a one o'clock luncheon followed by a program on missions and the transaction of the business of the organization including the circles. The entire membership is divided into four Circles which are named Mary, Martha, Ruth, and Esther. The circles, which meet monthly in the homes of members, provide fellowship, study, and leadership experience. The first officers of the Women's Association were: Mrs. M. C. Barton, president; Mrs. N. J. Eicher, secretary; Mrs. Fred Crawford, treasurer; and Circle leaders Mrs. E. V. Chance, Mrs. Bert Gladd, Mrs. La Vern Van Syoc, and Mrs. Anna McCosh. The goal set for each circle that first year was \$100.

On March 28, 1946, at the annual luncheon, four retiring officers, Mrs. M. C. Barton, Mrs. N. J. Eicher, Mrs.

Fred Crawford, and Mrs. Grace Price were honored in an appropriate service and presented corsages for their years of faithfulness in the mission work of our society. Mrs. Barton held the office of president longer than anyone else. She served the society twenty-six years, first from 1913 to 1921, and again from 1928 to 1946. Mrs. Eicher held the office of secretary for thirty-six years, serving continuously from 1910 to 1946. Mrs. Crawford served as treasurer for eighteen years, from 1928 to 1946, and Mrs. Price held various offices for the last eighteen years. These are, indeed, records to be proud of.

In January 1947, the Executive Committee of the Women's Association recommended that all officers hold over for another year or until the next December at which time the new church year would begin, and also that the circle groups and their leaders carry over. The Guild Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,123.07. A bill for \$388.14 was allowed for repairs at the manse. The Welcoming Committee was asked to make plans for the reception of the new minister and his family, the Reverend and Mrs. C. E. Chandler, Bernard and Connie. The same committee was to plan a service in recognition of Mr. William Carden's long service in the church and Sunday School.

On November 7, 1947, the thirtieth annual luncheon was held with seventy ladies present. Since that year the luncheon has been held annually in November. At this meeting it was voted to pledge \$350 to the Mission Boards for the year 1948. There was \$1,660.67 in the Guild treasury, and it was voted to turn \$1,200 of this over to the church board.

In 1948 the ladies took on the project of remodeling and equipping the church kitchen and restroom, and the carpeting of the sanctuary. Many supper, bazaars, bake sales, and teas were held and soon the funds for the repairs were raised.

With the death of Miss Cora Smiley in 1949, the Missionary Society lost a most devoted member. Her great interest in missions prompted her to leave a bequest of \$4,000, the interest of which is to go annually to our Mission Boards.

Great strides have been made by the Women's Asso-

ciation since its organization. Our membership of 150 women efficiently organized and following the Presbyterian Church-centered program, now ranks among the best of the Women's Associations in Iowa Presbyterial. In 1955 the Association paid to Iowa Presbyterial \$770.50 which included our contributions to National and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Opportunity Gifts, and \$54.67 to National and Overseas Sewing projects. The Presbyterian Home at Ackley, Iowa was sent \$445.30, the manse kitchen was remodeled at a cost of \$601.15, a refrigerator for the church kitchen was purchased, also a new sweeper and a film projector were purchased during 1955. A Savings Account of \$1,000 was set up, \$500 of which was to help with the expenses of the Centennial. These and many other gifts and demands have been the responsibility of the women of the church and they have always met any obligation presented.

HONORARY MEMBERS IN THE MISSION BOARDS NATIONAL — FOREIGN — CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Miss Cora Smiley	Mrs. J. A. Glass
Mrs. M. C. Barton	Mrs. Chester Haight
Mrs. Fred Weirather	Mrs. Charles Van Syoc
Mrs. Noah Eicher	(Alta)
Mrs. E. V. Chance	Mrs. Albert Johnson
Mrs. Grace Van Syoc	Miss Ruth Courter
Mrs. Karl Kneen	Mr. Vester Chance, Jr.
Mrs. William Carden	Mrs. Frank Haight
(Fannie)	Mrs. Chester Chandler
Mrs. W. T. Graham	Mrs. Fred Crawford
Miss Artie McCulley	Mrs. Walter Carper

PRESIDENTS OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY 1934-1946

Mrs. James Butter	Mrs. W. C. Hunt
Mrs. J. N Osborn	Mrs. J. I. Dool
Mrs. John Gamble	Mrs. M. C. Barton
Mrs. L. B. Pierce	Mrs. George Wise
Mrs. W. H. McCaw	Mrs. L. C. Whitford
Mrs. J. W. Hanna	Mrs. M. C. Barton

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mrs. M. C. Barton	1945-1946
Mrs. E. V. Chance	1946-1947
Mrs. Grace Van Syoc	1948-1949
Mrs. Karl Kneen	1950-1951
Mrs. Chester Haight	1952-1953
Mrs. Walter Carper	1954-1955

OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR 1956

President, Mrs. Leslie Utter.

First Vice President, Mrs. Mayne Courter.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Phillip Marshall.

Third Vice President, Mrs. Leonard McAllister.

Secretary, Mrs. Guy Allen.

Association Treasurer, Mrs. Clone Swarts.

Circle Treasurer, Mrs. Bert Gladd.

Program Department Secretaries:

Spiritual Life and Stewardship, Mrs. Wm. F. Carden

Mission Education, Miss Thelma Carden.

Social Education and Action, Mrs. W. T. Graham.

Literature, Mrs. Harry Donaldson.

Fellowship Department Secretaries:

Membership, Mrs. C. W. Haight.

Interdenominational Relationships,

Miss Ruth Courter.

Personal Evangelism, Mrs. Roy Ping.

World Service Department Secretaries:

Foreign Missions, Miss Artie McCulley.

National Missions, Mrs. Ethel Marshall.

Christian Education, Mrs. George Swearingen.

National and Overseas Sewing, Mrs. Dale Kellogg.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating: Mrs. W. J. Duncan, Mrs. Lester Gibbs,
Mrs. Walter Carper.

Utilities: Mrs. Lee Cornwell, Mrs. Lloyd Howsare,
Mrs. L. O'Loughlin.

Hospitality: Mrs. Chester Chandler, Mrs. Mayne
Courter, Mrs. Phillip Marshall, Mrs. Leonard McAllister.

Music: Mrs. Glen Payne, Mrs. Marvin Lambert, Mrs.
Maynard Hill, Mrs. Norris Haight, Mrs. Norman Fog-
miller, Mrs. Keith Crawford.

Pianist: Mrs. Walter Carper.

Scholarship: Mrs. Clark Rodruck, Miss Ruth Courter,
Mrs. Lloyd Lindell.

CIRCLES

LEADERS

Mary ----- Mrs. Otto Mason

Esther ----- Mrs. Clark Crawford

Martha ----- Mrs. Grace Van Syoc

Ruth ----- Miss Florence Cummings

The Men's Council

BY RAYMOND McALLISTER

The organizational meeting of the Winfield Chapter of the National Council of Presbyterian Men was held Sunday, September 17, 1950, with Carl Carden presiding. Officers elected at the meeting were Harry Donaldson, president and Raymond McAllister, secretary-treasurer. On February 11, 1951, the Chapter was accepted as an active member of the National Council and a charter was issued.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the work of Christ in the heart of every man in the Church. And every man in the Church is automatically a member.

The men have carried out the following projects:

- a. They have sent a delegate each year to the National Council meeting in Chicago.
- b. They have conducted a Men's attendance Contest to build up Church attendance.
- c. They have conducted each year the Layman's Sunday Church program.
- d. They have served an Easter Breakfast on alternating years for the Westminster Fellowship groups after their Sunrise service.
- e. They paid \$500.00 on our Church's quota for the General Assembly Building Funds Campaign.
- f. They made funds available to defray the expenses of former ministers returning to participate in this centennial celebration.

Those who have served the organization as president are: Harry Donaldson, Leonard McAllister, Carl Carden, Ralph Gorham, and Raymond McAllister. Officers for the current year of 1956 are Phillip Marshall, president and Marvin Lambert, Secretary-Treasurer.

Those who have attended the National Meeting in Chicago are: Carl Carden, Max Ross, Leonard McAllister, Phillip Marshall and Loren Johnson.

Meetings are held the second Sunday night of each month with a luncheon in the Church basement followed by a devotional service and a program with a religious impact.

The Young People of the Church

BY MISS THELMA CARDEN

The Presbyterian Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Winfield, Iowa was organized Wednesday evening, April 3, 1891. Mr. William Carden, who had been a member of this organization in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa was influential in uniting the young people in this World Wide Movement. At the organizational meeting it was decided that the prayer-meeting of the Society should be held on Sunday evening and that the first Sunday of each month be designated as a Consecration Service. Each new member was required to sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge. Organization included three committees: The Look Out committee to secure new members; the Prayer-meeting committee in charge of programs and securing leadership; and the Social committee to provide activities of a social nature.

OFFICERS FROM 1891 TO 1898

During the first five years officers were elected twice a year and after that only once a year. Jennie Lindly (Ridgeway) was the secretary during all those early years. Those holding office of president were: William Carden, Nelle Cowden, Ella Clark (McCall), Nellie Haight (Eicher), Kate Pierce (Baker), Grace Pierce (Price) and Miss Pickett Davidson. Others holding office during this period were: Anna Patterson, Mary Pierce (Van Zile), Eva Patterson, Oscar Gambell, Arnold Lauer, Blanche Haight (Robb), Ben Meyers, Anna McGlade (McCosh), Iantha Slaughter, Arthur Cockayne, Frank Gambell, Frances Carden, Vina Bashford, Viola Smith, Mary Ball, Maggie Wise (Thompson), Grace Cockayne, Stella Ringland (Carden), Ada Lauer, Hattie Wilson (Snyder), Millie Haight (Eicher), Wahneeta Clark (Ingalls).

ACTIVITIES DURING 1891-1897

In 1891 the Society purchased over 100 Hymn books for the Sunday School. In 1892 they contributed \$25.00 to the building debt of the new Parsonage. In 1893 Miss Ella Clark, Miss Pickett Davidson and Miss Jennie Lindly were appointed as a Library Committee to buy books. This library was started in 1894 and continued until the Town Library was established. Also in 1894 they contributed to

a fund for the purchase of a new carpet for the Church Sanctuary, and sent two delegates, Miss Ella Clark and Miss Pickett Davidson to the National C. E. Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1895 and 1896 they helped support the Rev. Mr. McClure, a foreign missionary in Siam; a Mr. Lomas in home missionary work and a Mrs. Shoemaker in Ning-po, China.

Public election time in 1896 was turned into a social event when the C. E. Society rented Mr. Dolman's store room and served election suppers to those who were waiting around for election returns. The Dolman store was located at the present site of the Farmers National Bank.

The International C. E. Convention held in San Francisco, Cal. was the big event of 1897. Going by rail on a car reserved for convention delegates were Mr. and Mrs. William Carden, Mr. John Lindly and Miss Pickett Davidson. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. DeLashmutt, parents of Mrs. Carden.

FAREWELL BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

In November, 1900, one month before moving into the new Church, the Christian Endeavor Society was host to a Birthday Social which also was a farewell to the old church. Papers were read by older members, giving account of the organization and early history of the Church. From the annual report the society earned \$119.00 during that year. From this amount \$50.00 was paid to the Dedication Subscription on the New Church and \$51.40 for 10 choir chairs with black leather seats and two black leather seated pulpit chairs. These are still being used today in the Westminster Fellowship room—the annex of the Sanctuary. James Smiley was the C. E. treasurer at that time.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Sometime around 1907 a new committee was added to provide flowers for the sick at home and in hospitals and also for the pulpit. Mrs. Nellie Eicher and Mrs. Frances Carden continued this service for many years after which the task was assumed by Mrs. Carden's daughter, Miss Thelma Carden who still grows flowers for this purpose. The Rostrum of the Sanctuary is decorated every Sunday morning and the meticulous arrangement of flowers on special occasions during the year is one of the outstanding

features of our Church for which we owe a special credit to Thelma in her untiring task. (Last sentence added by the committee.)

THE JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

After 1907 the older young people began to drop out and the organization tended toward the high school age and younger. In October of 1908 a Junior Endeavor was organized by the pastor's wife, Mrs. James Beari. It included children from 7 to 14 and grew by 1909 to 27 members. In late 1909 the group was divided with Miss Ruth Courter taking the younger group and Mrs. Beari taking those 11 to 14. Officers included George Smith as president and Jennie Wise, Hazel Hibbet and Delbert Pierce.

THE 1920's

The Westminster Circle or Westminster Guild was a society of young girls formed by Mrs. William Carden's Sunday School Class. They contributed to Home and Foreign Mission work and met on Sunday evenings. In addition, they met once a month on Saturday afternoon to do their white-cross sewing and to make bandages. Their first annual report appeared in 1921.

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The Light Bearers were organized about the same time and corresponded to the former Junior Christian Endeavor. In 1926 Clark Crawford was President of the Light Bearers; Helen Schmidt, president of the Christian Endeavor and Miss Clarriet Ridgeway took over the leadership of the Westminster Circle.

The Philomathean Class under the leadership of Mrs. Sue Pike undertook a big project of raising over \$300.00 to take the group to the International Christian Endeavor Convention at Des Moines in July of 1923. One of their projects was a play called "Breezy Point" in which the following took part: Ruth Pike, Mable Hess, Myrtle Perrenoud, Lillian Johnston, Walmata Larson, Thelma Carden, Jeanne Bailey, Eva Johansmeier, Wanda Farrow, Janet Gambell, Ruth Carden, Wilma Ridgeway, Ethel Pfeiffer. The play was presented three times, twice in Winfield and once in Morning Sun.

One of the most dramatic plays ever attempted in the Church, "The Rock" was put on during the ministry of the Rev. Paul Calhoun. It was directed by Miss Thelma Carden and put on three times by the following cast:

Jack Ping, Wilma Kepper (Oberman), Mrs. Grace Young, Harld Conard, Doris Marshall (Rees), Allen Marshall, Willard Patterson, Raymond Kerr, Irvin Clark, Lee Cornwell, Jeanette Smith (Regione):

CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICES

The Holy Week Candle-light service, one of beauty and inspiration was started in 1940 by Rev. Calhoun. Taking part in it were all ages from the little ones who lit the big Christmas candle on its high holder, to the young people who took part in lighting the candles at different stations in the Church and in the singing. The six original large candelabras were given to this Church by the Burlington Presbyterian Church. Norris Haight recently made four new ones to replace those that were beyond repair. Ray Renshaw and Gene Smith of the Winfield Planing Mill made twelve graduated candelabras to be used in the windows and on the platform. The oak Cross now used in the primary department was made by Ray Renshaw for this Holy week service. Also for the service there was made by Ralph (Bud) Haight a white upright cross that was illuminated with a strand of Christmas tree lights. This cross is still used in many of our special services and especially at Easter time.

IPLYP AND WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP

In 1928 the Iowa Presbytery appointed a committee to draw up by-laws for a denominational young people's organization. Thelma Carden of Winfield was on that committee which formulated the Iowa Presbytery League of Young People, which became known later as IPLYP. In 1947 the young people adopted the Westminster Fellowship organization which consisted of Moderator, Vice Moderator, stated clerk, and chairman of committees on Christian Faith, Christian Outreach, Christian Witness, Christian Citizenship and Christian fellowship. Under this program more young people had an opportunity to advance in leadership and training. Attending the International Westminster Fellowship Assembly from this

group in 1949 were: Letitia Kneer (Busby), Eloise Steffins (Hill), and Frances Evans (Lowe).

Moderators since 1950 have been: Beverly Miller (Royer), Marlene Cornwell (Evans), Vester Chance, Jr. and Eleanor Marshall. Stated clerks have been: Dorothy Liechty (Pforts), Elaine Evans (Shupe) and Ann Wolf.

In 1953 the Youth Budget treasurer was chosen from the Fellowship group and in the same year the budget was planned for the first time on a 50-50 basis, 50 percent for ourselves and 50 percent for others. Through this system the youth of the Church have financed their own program, contributed to the budgets of the Church and Sunday School and have staked claims for missionary work in the Phillippine Islands, Alaska, Mexico, Pakistan, Korea, Africa and among the Negroes, Spanish Americans and American Indians. They have also contributed toward the college finances of two foreign students at Parsons college.

The Youth Budget has received a substantial contribution from James and Marlene Evans for the purpose of starting a Visual Aid Library which will be under the supervision of the Executive Council of Westminster Fellowship. Some films have already been purchased from this fund.

The Junior High Fellowship was organized in 1954 with Miss Ruth Courter as their advisor. She held this position until late 1955 when the task was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald King who presently serve in that capacity.

The Junior and Senior High Fellowships have in recent years been well represented at Presbytery Rallies, summer camps for Junior High groups at Camp Arrowhead, summer Conferences at Parsons College for Senior High groups and at Synod held on the State College campus at Ames.

The present 1956 Senior High officers are: Mary Sue Wolf, Moderator; Phillip Marshall, Jr., Vice Moderator; Fleeta Haight, stated clerk. Commission chairmen are: John Donaldson, Faith; James Beauchamp, Citizenship; Carolyn Carden, Witness; Bernard Chandler, Fellowship; and Edward Rathmell, Outreach. Miss Ann Wolf is Youth Budget Treasurer for all Youth.

In the Junior High Fellowship the officers are: Larry

Rodruck, Moderator; Norma Evans, Vice-Moderator; Jack Nelling, secretary; and Trudy Nelling, Commission Chairman.

THE PURPOSE OF WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP

"Our purpose as we unite in Westminster Fellowship is to become such complete disciples of Christ that we will discover God's will for our lives and do it. Therefore:

"We commit ourselves to Christ and purpose to acquire a dynamic faith through Christian experience, Worship and study.

"We dedicate our lives to the expression of this faith by word and deed, seeking to work with those of like purpose, inviting others to join with us in building today for a Christian World."

Music In The The First Presbyterian Church

BY MISS ETHEL HINKLE

Music has always been an inspirational part of the worship service of the First Presbyterian Church of Winfield. In scanning the pages of history, it is learned that this interest in good music dates back to the very beginning of the church organization one hundred years ago. When the services were held in the old schoolhouse at the north edge of town, the singing was led by Wm. Joy, using the old hymn books without notes. Mr. Joy liked music and liked to sing, and although he did not have a tuning fork, it is said that he seldom failed to give the right pitch. In those early days it was considered sacrilegious to have a musical instrument in the church, and all the singing was without accompaniment. Eleven years later, in 1867, the first Presbyterian Church building in Winfield was completed. About that time Mr. Joy persuaded Mrs. J. C. Gambell to take over the duties of leading the singing, and to quote from her Review of Early Music in the Church: "I took up the burden with much fear and trembling that at some time I would raise the 'chunes' so high that no one could reach the upper notes, or pitch so low that only our very low singers would fail to touch bottom. It caused people to open their eyes that a woman should lead the music."

As the years went by there began to be talk of an organ and a choir. An organ was finally purchased during the winter of 1875-76, a choir selected, and the hymnal introduced. Rev. Hays was the Pastor, and Mrs. Hays played the organ for awhile, followed by Miss Alice Smith. The members of the first choir were Bina Condit (Mrs. J. N. Osborn), Alice Smith and her cousins, the two Misses Smith, Mr. Goodspeed, Mr. Linn and Mr. Gambell. The choir sat in the front seats with their backs to the congregation, and did not rise to sing. Time went on, and the choir occupied an organ loft, with a railing around it, it being situated back of the congregation, and the members of the choir stood as they sang, which was quite an in-

novation. Two of the faithful organists were Miss Cora Smiley and Miss Pickett Davidson. Sopranos were Mrs. Carrie Hanna and Effie Haight Glass; altos, Etta Gift and Nellie Haight Eicher; tenors, Ad Dickey, Frank Backhuff, Frank Miller; bass, Charlie Miller, Claude Pierce and John Lindly. And thus the Presbyterian choir had its beginning, and down through the years there has been music to add beauty and dignity to the worship services of our church.

The following will be written at random, hoping that the items may be of interest and at least partially correct, having had to rely on memory for some of the material. D. E. Eicher worked with the choir, both as a member and director for eight years 1896-1904. During his regime the choir reached distinction as a singing group leading to a degree of success unattained by any other musical organization in the community at that time. The choir practice was really a social event of the week. The members sang for the pure love of singing, the rehearsals often lasting as long as three hours. There being few other activities in town, this was the one place to exercise their musical talents. In comparison, the young people of today have the advantage of participation in many musical groups in connection with their school work. They have instruction in singing in Glee Clubs, Choruses, Sextettes, Quartettes and also instrumental music. They are always willing to share the results of their training for the pleasure of the congregation in many special numbers for the church services. During the eight years Mr. Eicher served so faithfully, the present church building was completed, and the first piano was purchased. Among those in the choir at this time were: Bess Gambell Burks, Noah and Nellie Haight Eicher. Mildred Haight (who later became the wife of D. E. Eicher) Blanche Haight (who is now Mrs. F. G. Robb), Sadie Miller, William Carden, F. G. Robb, Frank and Charlie Miller, J. M. Lindly, Claude Pierce, Harry Anderson, Kate Pierce Baker, and Hattie Wilson Snyder. J. M. Lindly had a deep interest in the music of the church. For about thirteen years he served as business manager for the choir. When some member dropped out of the ranks, it fell to his lot to find a new recruit. He called the members together for rehearsal and furnished the necessary supplies of music.

In this work he was ably assisted by William Carden. It may be of interest to record here the names of those who were members of the choir, and the musical numbers presented on June 18, 1905 when the Rev. David McEwan preached his farewell sermon. Choir members: Ed. Schmidt, Ben E. Myers, Fred McCaw, Prof. F. G. Robb, Mrs. Hanna, Lisle Glass, Bertha McGlade, Ruth Courter, Grace Cockayne, Mrs. Ben E. Myers, Vina Bashford, Mrs. Maud Osborn Sauters and J. M. Lindly. Alice Hunt, pianist. Special music: Anthem, "The Lord's Prayer" by the choir; vocal solo, "Beneath the Shadow of the Cross" by Ed. Schmidt, accompanied at the piano by Ethel Hinkle, and Pearl Hinkle (Cummings) with violin.

Earl Canby organized a Junior Church Choir in 1927. He was director and manager for several years. This group of high school youngsters sang regularly for the Sunday evening services. They all eventually graduated into the Senior Choir where many of them gave years of service. The following item is a clipping from The Winfield Beacon: "Earl Canby, in charge of the young people's choir of the Presbyterian Church, is developing a chorus of boys and girls of which the church may well be proud. The interest that he takes in these young folks, other than their music, is perhaps the secret of his success. Last Sunday night, twenty-five furnished the music for the services. Good music, too." In this singing group were: Lois Reeves, Frank Clark, Thurlow Myers, Thelma Hetrick, Vernon Reeves, Clarriet Ridgeway, Donald Johnson, Eva Johnson-meier, William Reeves, Mabel Hess, Grace Pike, Ollie Hess, Wilma Ridgeway, Thelma Carden, Vashti Duncan, Leila Ball and Lillian Johnston.

During the pastorate of Rev. Calhoun, a Junior Choir of the Sunday School was organized under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Haight and Ethel Hinkle who continued to work with this group for several years. This is mentioned in connection with the church music because of the fact that the Junior Choir gave many special numbers for the church worship services and on several occasions the music was furnished for the entire service. It is remembered that some of the members were: Janet Johnson, Madeline Ralston, Beverly Lindall, Patty Allen, Eloise Steffins,

Shirley Simpson, Shirley Humphrey, Letitia Kneen, Norma Lauer, Virginia Ross, Marjorie McCulley, Jackie Young, Mary Ruth Liechty, Twyla DeYarman, Delores Hess, Marjorie Salyers, Lila Salyers, Barbara McCray, Gilbert Bates, Ronnie Young, Jack McCreight, Robert Cornwell, Loren Evans, Jim Evans, and probably others.

It was about this time that the ladies of the church cut and sewed robes for both the junior and senior choirs. This was a big undertaking, but many hands made light work, and the job was soon completed. Soon after this, the Junior Choir was taken as a project by the Fidelis Sunday School Class. This class has continued to sponsor the group for the past fifteen years.

Quite a number have given of their time and talent as pianists in the new church building. Some of those remembered are: Minnie C. Woodroffe, Alice Hunt, Frances Anderson, Mrs. Myrtle Pierce, Mrs. Mary Fricke Nesbitt, Eva Johansmeier (who gave twenty-five years of this service in this capacity), Helen Schmidt, Doris Rees and Hazel Conard. In 1949 the installation of a new Wurlitzer electric organ greatly enhanced the beauty of the church music. The present organist is Mrs. Mary Crawford. Others who have played the organ are Marilyn Lambert, Hazel Conard, Jacqueline Rickey, Bernice Carper, Doris Rees and Marcella Humphreys.

In recent years the members of the choir have numbered those who have had their first experience in church music by singing in the Junior choir which has continued to function since it was first organized. Many are descendants of those members of the pioneer families who years ago filled the Sanctuary with harmony. During the pastorate of the Rev. C. E. Chandler, the Presbyterian Choir has joined with the Methodist Choir in presenting an Easter Cantata which has become one of the highlights of music in our community. Many outside the ranks of the regular choir volunteer their singing ability to help make the event a success. The church has been fortunate to have among the members of its choir in later years a number of those capable of furnishing special numbers. To mention a few, it is recalled that Mrs. Dan Cook, deceased, gave much of her time and talent as a soloist for several years. Mayne

Courter and E. Vester Chance, Jr. have always been willing to help out with a solo when special music is to be a part of the progrm. Marilyn Lambert often delights the congregation with her beautiful soprano voice in solos. Margaret and Dorothea Haight occasionally sing duets, as do Eloise Hill and Jacqueline Rickey. Many special numbers have been by a men's quartet composed of Mayne Courter, Marvin Lambert, E. Vester Chance, Jr., and Norman Pogemiller, with Ralph Gorham filling in as one of the members on different occasions. The Rathmell girls, Barbara and Louella, although practically newcomers in the community, fit right in with the music of the church and pleased the congregation with a number of duets. Louella also played several saxophone solos. Elaine Evans has always been happy to play her bass baritone in solo. The Owens girls, Shirley and Phyllis, have been liberal with the use of their musical talents. The Liechty girls, Mary Ruth, Kathryn, Dorothy and Helen, have been faithful members, as have Florence Cummings and Thelma Carden. From time to time both boys and girls from the young peoples groups help with the choir singing.

It would be an impossibility to even attempt to name all those who have had a part in the music of the church, but suffice to say that during these one hundred years there have always been those who were willing to contribute their talents to Praise the Lord with music and song.

Going Forth To Serve

As time passes, some members move into other communities and carry on their Church work with other Churches. Following are some who have distinguished themselves in the work of the Kingdom.

Vene C. Gambell and family became missionaries. Their work is recorded in the memorial section of this book.

Ida Linn-Pusey was a former member of this Church and a charter member of the Missionary Society. She married Morris Pusey, a Methodist Minister, and went with him as a teacher into the mission field in Peru, South America. After Mr. Pusey's death, she returned to Winfield. Later she married Jasper N. Osborn and they made their home in California until her death.

B. Fred Wise, Dean of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Minister of Music of the Disciples of Christ Church, Chicago, grew up in our Church and was very active in music and the choir. After leaving Winfield, he attended Parsons College where he studied music. Following his graduation, he settled in Chicago where he continued his music and church career. He attended the University of Chicago and became associated with the Disciples of Christ Church. Recently a Doctor's Degree was conferred upon him. He attends conferences, both National and International, and in these conferences he is prominent in planning and directing the music of the Church. He is the editor of a Church Hymnal which is used in various denominations.

Ruth Courter, who joined this Church in 1905, desired to go to Africa to work in a foreign mission field. The opportunity came to her under the United Presbyterian Mission Board. She taught in the American College for Girls in Cairo, Egypt, for six years, 1924-1931. After she returned to the United States, she took up work in the Trenchburg Home Mission School in Kentucky. She served there from 1931 to 1951, and then returned to Winfield where she is an active and faithful member of the Church.

Clarriet Ridgeway Cummins, a long time member of this Church, and now the wife of the Rev. Ralph Cummins, D. D., Synod Executive of Illinois, attended the McCormick Seminary in Chicago. She was received by the Presbytery of Iowa and ordained as a Director of Christian Education September 22, 1954 by that body. She took up her work in Illinois under the Illinois Synod's National Missions program. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cummins live in Champaign.

E. Vester Chance, Jr., who has grown up in this church, is planning to enter the ministry. He has been approved by our session and was taken under the care of Iowa Presbytery in a ceremony conducted at East End Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa, Iowa on July 18, 1954. He is now a student in Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa.

Church Community Service

The Church cooperates with all the other Churches in town by participating in the annual Holy Week program, World Day of Prayer, and May Fellowship. An annual Vacation Church School is conducted in conjunction with the local Methodist Church. The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches combine to present the annual Easter Cantata.

The Church is a common meeting place of community civic service groups and is made available to the local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H groups upon request.

COMMUNION BREAD

1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon sugar
pinch salt
1/4 teaspoon soda
flour to roll

Roll out an inch thick and bake in jelly pans; after it is in the pans, score the top with a knife so it will break easily.

This recipe has been in our family 100 years, and was used in the Winfield Presbyterian Church for many years.

Above recipe is now held by Mrs. Fannie Carden, to whom it was given by Mrs. E. L. Bemis in about 1913.

The generations of the past struggled valiantly for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. They left a heritage. The challenge to the present and future generations is to perpetuate the faith of the fathers and continue to extend God's Kingdom in this community and beyond.

Let Thy blessings rest upon this Church, O Lord,
Out from the by-roads, out of the care-filled days
We come, an earnest group to hear Thy Word,
To offer Thee our sincere, heartfelt praise.

Lord God, for every Church in every land,
We crave a blessing from Thy mighty hand.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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